



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 22, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up:

Consideration of the Chief Executive Officer's recommendations related to the 2008-09 Proposed Budget; order such revisions, additions and changes to the Chief Executive Officer's budget recommendations as deemed necessary and approve the revised figures as the Proposed Budget for 2008-09; instruct the Auditor-Controller to have the necessary copies printed; order the publication of the necessary notices; set May 7, 2008 as the date that public budget hearings will begin; and approve discounted prepayment on the County's retirement contribution and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with Los Angeles County Employee's Retirement Association on the County's behalf in this regard.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"In January 2008, Governor Schwarzenegger convened an Extraordinary Session of the State Legislature, pursuant to Proposition 58, the California Balanced Budget Act of 2004, to address a budgetary shortfall during the current fiscal year and the subsequent budget year. The Legislature responded with a series of actions reducing the deficit by approximately one-half, to \$8 billion.

"Since that time, a recent publication by the Department of Finance reported that receipts in March were \$1.2 billion less than anticipated, increasing the likelihood that the State's budget outlook is worsening. The projected deficit for FY 2008-09 tops \$16 billion.

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“The Legislature’s budget subcommittees are meeting to hear testimony on all aspects of the Governor’s Proposed Budget, but they are awaiting the Governor’s May Revision before making major decisions to resolve the budget crisis.

“California does not have the luxury of pursuing a budget solution through the normal legislative process.

“I therefore, recommend that the Board request the Governor and Legislative leadership to use the existing Legislative Special Session to expedite budget deliberations and avoid the detrimental impact a late budget would have on cities, counties and school districts.”

William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer, made a presentation to the Board. Following the presentation, Deputy Chief Executive Officers Ellen Sandt of Operations, Miguel Santana of Children and Families Well Being, Shelia Shima of Health and Mental Health Services, Debbie Lizzari, and Lari Sheehan of Community and Municipal Services, answered questions posed by the Board.

In addition, Philip Browning, Director of Public Social Services, Raymond J. Fortner, County Counsel and Bruce McClendon, Director of Planning answered questions posed by the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Directed the Chief Executive Office to send a letter to the State Legislature and Governor Schwarzenegger requesting that they consider utilizing the existing Legislative Special Session to resolve the State’s budget crisis and avoid the detrimental impact a late budget would have on cities counties and school districts.
2. Approved the Chief Executive Officer’s attached recommendations relating to the 2008-09 Proposed Budget; and
3. Directed the Chief Executive Officer to take the following actions:
 - a. Report with a plan for consideration during Budget Deliberations on the development of a special team to look into the hiring and filling of positions within the Department of Children and Family Services and Mental Health.

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- b. Report on the comprehensive plan submitted by the Assessor, as it relates to the replacement of the antiquated Property Tax System.
- c. Report on the Los Angeles Eligibility, Automated Determination, Evaluation and Reporting (LEADER) System including whether or not the System will be a State system or the one we have now; the costs; the impact on County equipment and staffing.
- d. Report on the details of the Children's Planning Council's Budget, including the training the Council provides to the various County Departments.
- e. Provide the Board with a copy of the Sheriff's Department Plan for the deployment of the new unincorporated patrol staff, as well as the Operation Safe Streets (O.S.S.) Deployment Plan.
- f. Provide an explanation on the increase in the number of hours per case for In-Home Supportive Services within the Department of Public Social Services.
- g. Report on the status of the three-year snapshot of the budgeted vacant positions within the Department of Health Services, particularly those that have gone unfilled for that period of time.
- h. Work with the Director of Planning and report on the proposed elimination of positions within the Department of Planning, including why the specific positions were chosen for elimination, the number of vacancies, what functions those positions represent.

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Attachment

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